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1. [REDACTED] OCR/Liaison, called to say he had received from the State Department a copy of a letter which Senator John G. Tower (R., Tex.) had sent to State which included a letter from a constituent who raised the question concerning, among other things, a statement attributed to Mr. Dulles with respect to Yugoslavia and Cuba. He also received from State a memorandum involving an inquiry from Representative W. R. Poage (D., Tex.) regarding Yugoslavia. [REDACTED] is forwarding these items to appropriate DD/I offices for action and is sending copies to us for our information.

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2. [REDACTED] Ben Read, Staff Assistant to Senator Joseph S. Clark (D., Pa.), called with reference to the copy of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a copy of which had been left with Read for the Senator's information but no publication. (See Journal of 23 January 1962) Read said he recalled our conversation concerning open use of this document but said the Senator wanted to read sections 3. b. (l) and 3. c. on the floor of the Senate on Monday and wanted to know if we have any objection to his doing this. It was fairly obvious that Senator Clark proposed to quote [REDACTED] in connection with the floor debate on Mr. McCone's nomination. I told Read I would check on this and call him right back.

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Mr. Warner discussed the implications of Read's call with Colonel White, [REDACTED] and Mr. McCone. It was agreed that we were not in a position to preclude Clark's use of these two items on the floor.

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I called Read and told him we had no objection to the Senator's using these two items. Read indicated that the Senator did plan to use this in connection with Mr. McCone's confirmation discussion. I asked Read if he had followed the hearings on Mr. McCone's confirmation in the Armed Services Committee and if he were aware of the fact that the Department of Justice had given an opinion that there was no conflict of interest involved. Read said they had been following the hearings closely and had discussed the matter with Justice. He said Justice told them that the matter had been discussed on an informal basis. I told Read that our General Counsel had written an opinion on this subject which had been concurred in by Justice and I would like to send a copy of this to him for the Senator's information. This will be sent up first thing Saturday morning.

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